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President's Message



Hello everyone and thank you for making the NUTS club such a great and enjoyable organization! Our meeting attendance and membership numbers are soaring and this is a credit to every member.

With spring almost officially here, the opportunity to get out and get some hunting in seems to be returning. I've heard some club members have been getting some nice finds and hopefully we will be seeing them at the March 24th meeting as the finds of the month contest resumes!

Don't forget, we will be voting for the club medal design this month. Please bring your submissions to the meeting. This month's presentation will focus on metal detecting basics and techniques with an open forum for brand specific questions and tips.

I want to thank Bentsen Moss for another fantastic presentation and display of his dog tag collection at the February meeting!

Looking to the future, we are considering a Bourse/Social night for the April meeting to give members the opportunity to showcase their collections and bring in items available for sale or trade.

As in the past, we are in need of articles and items of interest submitted by club members for the newsletter. Please remember, this is YOUR club and YOUR involvement is the key to keeping it successful.

See you at the meeting!

Mike



New members & visitors



Happy 45th Anniversary
Alan & Kathy



Bill



Terry & Bentsen

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**Don't forget about the raffle !
We have some fabulous
items this month.**

2 peso gold coin
1994 Proof prestige Set
1987 Commemorative Dollar
1986 Commemorative Dollar
1986 Commemorative Half Dollar
1963 Proof Set
1962 Proof Set
1999 Nuts club medal Error toolee
1864 Civil War token
token LeRoy Cigar Co gf 12 1/2c
token LeRoy Cigar Co gf 12 1/2c
token Semloh Cigar Stand gf 12 1/2c
token Semloh Cigar Stand gf 12 1/2c
token IP. Duncan gf 12 1/2c
token Hotel Utah gf 12 1/2c
token Hollywood Billiards gf 5c
token Golden Gate gf \$1
token Golden Gate gf 50c
token Golden Gate gf 25c
token Carbon Emery Stores gf 1 stick of
powder
token Carbon Emery Stores gf 5 sticks
of powder
token Joseph A Berger gf 5c
token Lavielle Cigar Stand gf 12 1/2c
token Copper King Bar gf 5c
token G.S. Wood merc gf 10c
token Newhouse Cigar Stand gf 12 1/2c

Guest speaker

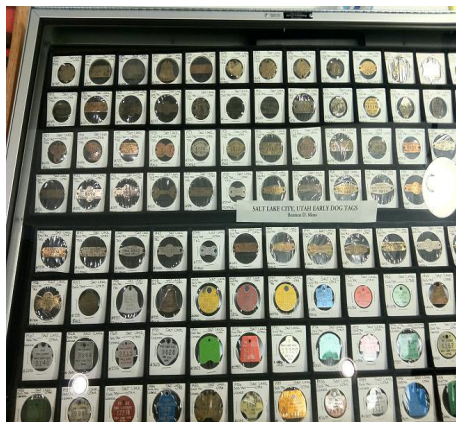


At the February meeting, Bentsen Moss graciously agreed to share another area of his amazing collection; Dog Tags. His display of Utah towns/tags has to be one of the most complete in existence.

The practice of registering and taxing dogs dates back to territorial times. In addition to being able to identify the owners of animals, revenues were generated by licensing fees. This was especially lucrative for smaller towns.

There are many different and sometimes unique designs and shapes. Brass was a popular material for early tags with aluminum and other base metals being used later. Some towns even distinguished male vs. female dogs with different metal types.

These tags can be highly collectable and fairly valuable, especially early dated small town tags. As treasure seekers, the opportunity to detect or screen these old tags is definitely there. Thanks again to Mr. Moss for sharing another fascinating area of his collection!





The Edith Attebury award was presented to Todd Monson for best submission to the Token Hunter. Todd is our spotlighted club member for the month in recognition of his silver cache find which earned national recognition. See the article on page 5

Miscellaneous club news

**Meeting: 7:00 p.m. March 24th
Columbus Community Center
2531 South 400 East, Rm 105
South Salt Lake, Utah**

We would to welcome new members to the club!

Daniel Blair

Steven Howard

Bryan, Mary & Kyle Moulton

Shane, Julie, Taylor, Chelsea, Kyle & Christopher Poyurs

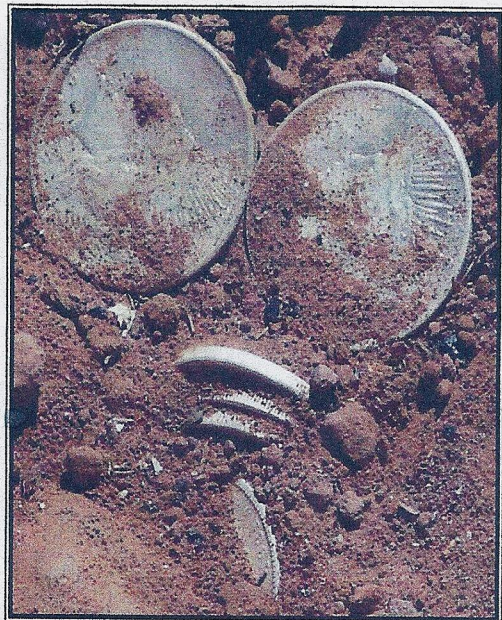
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There will be a laminator on hand for anyone who renewed their membership and wasn't able to receive a laminated card. If you still need to renew, please see Eldon Farnsworth at the meeting.



Congratulations to Todd Monson for being selected in Western Eastern Treasures Magazine's "Best Finds of 2010"! While travelling southern Utah for an education conference last spring, Todd broke out his detector and unearthed a huge silver coin cache.

Photo and article credit: Western & Eastern Treasures Magazine



"Even now I get the 'silver shakes' when I think about it," admits Todd Monson— and who wouldn't? After all, when you're hunting a junk-laden vacant lot and suddenly you find yourself hauling up silver dollars by the handful, it's hard to be nonchalant about it. He'd come upon the cache by chance, really. He and his wife are middle school science teachers in Utah, and were visiting a small town for an education conference last June. It wasn't exactly a vacation, but Todd brought along his metal detector just the same. "Oh, yeah. I take it *everywhere* I go!" While checking in at a local motel, he struck up a conversation with the desk clerk, who mentioned the lot where a house had recently been torn down. Locating the property owner, Todd got the green light to detect, and was told, "Good luck, and you can keep whatever you find!"

**SILVER COIN
CACHE**
Value: \$2,700
Todd Monson

That "whatever" amounted to 72 silver dollars, 14 quarters, and 43 dimes, all silver, along with 20 nickels and 14 Wheat cents! Be sure to catch Todd's own account of this dandy discovery, "A Silver Summer," in the 2011 edition of *Silver & Gold*.

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